

New Updates

Thursday, September 19, 2013 (as of 4:30 p.m.)

Visual Assessments

- There is no longer any visible discoloration in Honolulu Harbor.
- A boat survey revealed a faint discoloration going through Suicide Channel.
- Aerial surveys have been discontinued.

Water Samples

- DOH Clean Water Branch conducted water sampling at the remaining six locations throughout Honolulu Harbor and Keehi Lagoon.
- Water sampling reveals that dissolved oxygen and pH levels are returning to normal target levels in Honolulu Harbor and Keehi Lagoon.

Fish Collection

- To date approximately 26,000 dead fish and other organisms have been collected.
- No dead fish or other organisms were found as of this morning.

Endangered Species

- Currently no endangered species are known to be impacted by the molasses spill.

Posting of Warning Signs

- Warning signs continue to be posted along the Kapalama Canal, Keehi Lagoon, and Lagoon Drive, pending determinations from the appropriate state agencies.

Coral & Harbor Floor Assessment

- Dive surveys conducted by DLNR, Polaris, and UH, took place on Wednesday at locations near Reef Runway, Sand Island Bridge, and Pier 42. Healthy coral was observed near Reef Runway and within Keehi Lagoon, but damicornis appeared to be dead near Sand Island Bridge and Pier 42. Porites viewed appeared to be in normal condition.
- A dive conducted on Tuesday did not reveal any molasses product on the harbor floor around columns under the piers or in a 200 foot range from the location of the spill.

Federal and State Partnerships

- The incident command was visited by USCG Admiral Cari Thomas, D14 Commander, and staff from the U.S. congressional offices.

Contact Information & Updates

- For all questions and news media inquiries, please contact the Joint Information Center at MolassesResponseJIC@gmail.com or (808) 842-5058.
- Molasses spill updates are being posted at: <http://eha-web.doh.hawaii.gov/eha-cma/Leaders/HEER/Honolulu-Harbor-Molasses-Spill-September-2013>